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In re the Application of

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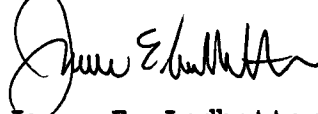
Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 99, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. All of these references were cited in a PCT International Search Report (copy attached) except for JP '640. JP '563 and JP '640 are discussed in the present application at page 3, second paragraph.

Applicants present this art so that the Patent Office may, in the first instance, determine any relevancy thereof to the presently claimed invention, see Beckman Instruments, Inc. v. Chemtronics, Inc., 439 F.2d 1369, 1380, 165 USPQ 355, 364 (5th Cir. 1970). Also see Patent Office Rules 104 and 106.

Applicants respectfully request that this art be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application and made of record herein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

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